

**The reason for locating the Cochin Cusba Station
within the Municipal limits of Mattancheri**

331. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to assign the reason for locating the Cochin Cusba Police Station within the Municipal limits of Mattancheri?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to further state whether, in view of the serious inconvenience it causes to the public, the Government will take immediate action to locate it in a more central place within the jurisdiction area?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The Cochin Cusba Station was formerly located in the building in which the Mattancheri Town Station is at present held. It was shifted to the present site for the convenience of the public.

(b) No complaint of any inconvenience to the public has come to the notice of the Government.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—My question has not been answered. The fact that the Station has been transferred from one place to another is no answer. My question asks for the reason for locating it within Municipal limits. It is only that fact that was stated. It is not the answer to my question. I want the reason for shifting the Station. The Cusba Station is in the Town where it has no jurisdiction.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—There is no rule that the Cusba Station should be outside the Municipality. It should be located to suit the convenience of the people. That is all the point. There is no objection to locate it outside the Municipality, if necessary.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I suppose the Cusba Station and the Town Station are within 5 yards from each other. My point is whether it will be possible to locate the Station within the jurisdiction itself. Could not a rule be framed that the Town Station should be within the Municipal limits and the Cusba Station outside the Municipality?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—There is no necessity for such a rule. Where is the necessity? It depends upon the convenience of the public.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—My point is whether it would not be more convenient to the public. What is the meaning of locating the Ernakulam Town Station in Trichur? Similarly, what is the meaning of locating the Cochin Cusba Station in a village where it has no jurisdiction? It can be located in some

place where the Station has jurisdiction, and it will be convenient to the people.

President.—There has been no complaint up to this time.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—My point is this :—Naturally, there is inconvenience to the people in locating the Station in a place where it has no jurisdiction. Even if there is inconvenience, people may not like to complain.

President.—We must try to be satisfied with the present situation. There is no necessity to shift the Station so long as the people are satisfied.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is there any indication that the people are satisfied?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The very fact that there are no complaints is a sufficient indication to show that the people are satisfied.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—I bring it to the notice of the Council that it is seriously inconvenient to the public.

President.—Do you say that it should be shifted outside the Municipal limits?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—That is my point.

President.—Which place do you select?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It may be shifted to a central place. As regards the selection, that may be left to lie over.

President.—You say from your experience that people have got serious complaints?

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Yes, Sir.

President.—Mr. Chakyamuri from his personal experience says that serious inconvenience is felt in having the Cusba Station within the Municipal limits.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—It is a fact known to me personally; and people are experiencing the difficulty.

President.—If an enquiry into the matter is made, and you are satisfied after the enquiry, would you take steps to have it shifted outside the Municipal limits?

Mr. Sheikh Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Certainly, Sir.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—The same thing can be said with regard to the Ernakulam Cusba Station.

President.—Where is the Ernakulam Cusba Station? Is it at Palarivattom?

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—No, Sir, not there. It is near the Magistrate's Court. Its jurisdiction extends to Malayattur.

President.—There is a proposal to shift it to Vadutala which will be outside the Municipal limits.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—We have selected a place outside the Municipality.

Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Shifting it to Vadutala will not improve matters very much. Vadutala is only a few yards from the place where it is located now. It may be shifted to some other central place, for example, Chowwara or so.

The location of a Police out-post at Palaniapalayam.

332. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Considering the complaints too often made to the Police by the Christian community, will the Government be pleased to locate an out-post at Palaniapalayam?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Government do not consider it necessary to locate an out-post at Palaniapalayam, as it is not far away from Kozhinjampara where there is an out-post.

The escape of Ramanujam from the Sub-jail.

333. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) the actual date when Ramanujam, a convicted prisoner in the Ernakulam Sub-jail, made his escape;
- (b) the circumstances which were favourable for him to effect the escape;
- (c) what all steps were and are being taken to effect his re-arrest and with what result?

If the answer to the sub-division (c) be in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) on which officer's negligence of duty the said Ramanujam escaped;